

Executive Councilor Ruth Lewin Griffin

Ruth Lewin Griffin is the Executive Councilor for the Third District of New Hampshire, a District that spans from Dover, New Hampshire south to Seabrook and west to Windham and includes thirty-five cities and towns.

Councilor Griffin is a continuing presence and participant in the Republican Party by choice. She has been an active member of the Party during her entire adult life.

Councilor Griffin has been a member of the Executive Council since 1987. Previous service includes being elected as a member of the New Hampshire Senate, as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and as a member of two Constitutional Conventions. She has served New Hampshire for a total of thirty years in elective office.

Councilor Griffin is a native of Fall River, Massachusetts. She moved to Portsmouth, New Hampshire at an early age, was educated in public schools, was a graduate of Portsmouth High School and subsequently graduated from the Wentworth Hospital School of Nursing and is a Registered Nurse.

Her service at the National level includes two terms as Republican National Committee Woman. She was a member of the Selection Committee of the RNC for the 2000 Convention as well as a member of the Committee on Arrangements for Convention 2000. She is also Chair of the George W. Bush For President Steering Committee in New Hampshire. In addition, Councilor Griffin has been a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1972, 1976, 1980, 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000.

On the state level she serves on the Governor's Commission on Intermodal Transportation. This Commission serves as the architect/designers of the New Hampshire Highway plan. She is a member of the New Hampshire Health Services Planning and Review Board, commonly known as the Certificate of Need Board.

From 1993 through 1999 Councilor Griffin was the recipient of New Hampshire's Ten Most Powerful Women Award. The Rotary International also awarded her the Paul Harris Fellowship. In 2002 Councilor Griffin was presented the *Exploring Good Scout Award* from the Daniel Webster Council of the Boys Scouts of America.

At the local level, Councilor Griffin has served on the Portsmouth Board of Education, on the Portsmouth Police Commission for ten years, and is currently serving as Portsmouth Housing Authority Commissioner. She is a life member of the 100 Club of New Hampshire, Inc., an organization that "care for those who care for us."

Councilor Griffin is the widow of John K. Griffin, they have five children and five grandchildren and two great grandsons.

"My greatest joy in life is in service to others, and I live my life following our family motto, 'By courage, not by cunning,'" said Councilor Griffin.